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## **Goddard Commends Indictment of Warren Jeffs**

(Phoenix, Ariz. - June 10, 2005) Attorney General Terry Goddard today commended Mojave County officials for obtaining an indictment of Warren S. Jeffs, leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints in Colorado City, Ariz.

The indictment included one count of sexual conduct with a minor and conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor. Both charges are Class 6 felonies. The Mohave County Attorney's office has primary jurisdiction in prosecuting this case.

"This was a courageous move by the Mohave County Attorney Matthew Smith to pursue an investigation and get an indictment," Goddard said. "This action makes it clear that Arizona law enforcement is serious about prosecuting child abuse cases and other crimes committed in Colorado City area. It is my hope this case will encourage other victims from the Colorado City/Hildale area will to come forward and report these crimes."

Goddard said his office will continue to work with the Mohave County Attorney and Sheriff's offices and the Utah Attorney General's Office in ongoing investigations in the Colorado City/Hildale area.

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